

Paragraph added to page 1 by Preliminary Amendment, under the heading "CROSS  
REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS" (amended):

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B<sup>2</sup>  
The present patent application is a 371 of International Application No.  
PCT/EP99/09775, filed 10 December 1999, which was published in German as  
International Patent Publication No. WO 00/39200 on 6 July 2000, which is entitled to  
the right of priority of German Patent Application No. 198 59 689.9 filed 23 December,  
1998.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the previous versions of the following claims and replace them  
with the following rewritten versions. Marked-up copies showing the amendments since  
the previous versions are annexed as a separate page.

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B<sup>2</sup>  
Claim 1 (twice amended). A coextruded heat sealable biaxially oriented  
polypropylene (BOPP) film with peelable sealing properties, having an ink-free sealing  
area within which a screen pattern is printed with a thermoplastic lacquer, which lacquer  
comprises one of: (i) at least one polyvinyl butyral (PVB); or (ii) at least one  
ethylenevinyl acetate copolymer (EVA copolymer), said thermoplastic lacquer being  
only weakly sealable to coextruded BOPP.

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